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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS UNDER BHARAT NIRMAN YOJANA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Madhya Pradesh where Public Telephone sets have been provided under the Bharat Nirman Yhojana;

(b) the total expenditure incurred in this regard; and

(c) the number of telephone sets likely to be provided in future under this Yojana?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Under Bharat Nirman Yhojana, all remaining 66,822 unconnected villages in the country are to be provided Village Public Telephones (VPTs) by November, 2007. This excludes villages having less than 100 population and villages lying in naxalite infested areas etc. In Madhya Pradesh, 8,293 VPTs have been provided under this scheme so far.

(b) Total expenditure of Rs. 11.79 crore has been incurred on this scheme.

(c) Remaining 3,601 eligible unconnected villages of Madhya Pradesh will be provided VPTs by November, 2007.